Production of Fruits

1590. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total production of fruits in our country during the last three years;

(b) what is India's ranking amongest the fruits producing countries of the World;

(c) what is Government's policy of fruit exports; and

(d) what comments has FAO made about the perishing of our fruit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The figures for 1992-93 are not available. However, the production of fruits in our country during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 was 28.24, 28.388 and 32.075 million tonnes respectively.

(b) India's position among fruits growing countries is second in the World.

(c) The Government policy is to encourage export of fruit both in fresh as well as in processed form.

(d) No commeents from FAO have been communicated on perishing of our fruits.

Hike in Procurement Prices of Foodgrains

1591. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the projected or expected benefit in terms of financial gains to farmers due to hike in procurement prices of various food grains and sugar in last year and during the current year; and

(b) the details regarding the gains in each crop, the land under cultivation by various crops and financial benefits accrued to farmers due to hike in procurement prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) The expected per quintal increase in financial gain as measured by the hike in the minimum support prices in respect of foodgrains and sugarcane for 1992-93 and 1993-94 is as under :

Commodity	Increase in minimum support price (Rs. per quintal)	
	1992-93	1993-94
	1991-92	1992-93
Paddy Fine Common	40	40
Fine	40	50
Superfine	40	60
Coarse Cereals	35	20
Kharif Pulses (Arhar, Moong & Urad)	95	60
Wheat	50	55
Gram	50	100
Sugarcane	5.00	3.50

2. The land brought under cultivation for foodgrains and sugarcane during the year 1992-93 has been estimated as under :

(Thousand hectares)

Crop	1992-93
Rice	41636.8
Wheat	24430.6
Other Cereals & Millets	34772.9
Total Cereals & Millets	100840.3
Pulses	23742.6
Total Foodgrains	124582.9
Sugarcane	3617.5

Schemes for Export of Agricultural Products

1592. SHRI V. NARAYANANSAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agriculture Ministry is implementing special schemes for the export of agricultural products abroad; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Developmental schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture focus on increasing the agricultural production which *inter-alia* increases he domestic availability and generates larger surplus for export. To facilitiate the export of agricultural products, the Ministry has taken initiatives to improve infrastructural gacilicties, development of marketing infrastructure and establishment of market information service.

Subsidy on Foodgrains to Adivasis

@1593. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to withdraw subsidy on all the foodgrains supplied through Public Distribution System;

(b) whether the subsidy will also be withdrawn for foodgrains supplied to Adivasi areas; and

(c) whether the State Government will be authorised to supply foodgrains to Adivas areas on subsidy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal to withdraw food subsidy either on the foodgrains supplied through Public Distribution System or to Adivasi areas.

(c) Does not arise.

राशन की दुकानों के मालिकों द्वारा कमीशन की मांग

@1594. **श्री विट्ठलराव माधवराव जाधव :** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राशन की दुकानों के मालिकों ने चीनी-वितरण के लिए उन्हें

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